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COPY 5TRANSSHIPMENT POINT 2
LOI DONG, NORTH VIETNAM
2052N 10637E1. SIGNIFICANCE:

THIS BRIEFING BOARD DEPICTS A PROBABLE PETROLEUM TRANSSHIPMENT POINT AND PETROLEUM BARGE MOORING AREA.

2. LOCATION:

THE TRANSSHIPMENT POINT IS LOCATED 0.6 NM SOUTH OF LOI DONG AND 4.2 NM NORTHWEST OF HAI PHONG.

3. BACKGROUND:

SINCE THE DESTRUCTION BY U.S. AIR STRIKES OF THE HAI PHONG PETROLEUM PRODUCTS STORAGE AND OTHER MAJOR PERMANENT POL STORAGE AND HANDLING FACILITIES IN NORTH VIETNAM, THE NORTH VIETNAMESE HAVE APPARENTLY RELIED ON POL BARGES FOR THE OFF-LOADING AND TRANSFERRING OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FROM INCOMING TANKERS TO WATER-TO-LAND TRANSSHIPMENT POINTS AND TO DISPERSED WATER-ACCESSIBLE PETROLEUM STORAGE AREAS. PHOTOGRAPHIC COVERAGE HAS REVEALED SEVERAL TANKER-TO-BARGE OFF-LOADING OPERATIONS, ALTHOUGH NO BARGE-TO-LAND TRANSFERRING HAS BEEN OBSERVED.

NUMEROUS PETROLEUM BARGES HAVE FREQUENTLY BEEN OBSERVED DOCKED IN THE HAI PHONG PORT AREA, AND MOORED IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE CUA CAM (DISTRIBUTARY) AND IN THE WATERWAYS OF THE DELTA REGION BETWEEN HA NOI AND HAI PHONG WHERE NUMEROUS DISPERSED WATER-SERVED PETROLEUM STORAGE SITES ARE LOCATED.

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4. MISSION READOUT:

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[REDACTED] REVEALS THE LOI DONG TRANSSHIPMENT POINT NO. 2 TO BE SERVED BY ROUTE 5 AND ACCESSIBLE TO THE HA NOI/HAI PHONG RAIL LINE. FOUR POL BARGES ARE MOORED IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY OF THE TRANSSHIPMENT AREA, AND ONE TRACTOR-TRAILER IS OBSERVED PARKED ON THE QUAY. NO TRANSFER PIPING, BUNKERING PIER, OR PETROLEUM STORAGE FACILITIES ARE OBSERVED.

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